Nixon's CIA tapes will be subpoenaed

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Intelligence Committee voted Tuesday to subpoena portions of former President Richard M. Nixon's tapes and documents dealing with secret Central Intelligence Agency activities in Chile.

At the same time, it decided not to request Nixon's testimony immediately because the former President was reported "disinclined" to be a witness, said committee chairman Frank Church, D-Idaho.

The action came during the committee's probe into alleged assassination plots of foreign leaders.

In related developments:

—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said neither the Nixon administration nor the Ford administration ever plotted to murder any foreign official.

—Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., issued a statement saying he was afraid "efforts to protect the Kennedy name may result in a political tug-of-war ... between those who want to be sure nobody blames President Kennedy and those who want to tell the truth."

The decision to issue a subpoena came after the White House rejected two committee requests for Nixon tapes and documents.

The White House based its decision on a court order sequestering the documents except for "on-going government business," said Church.

"We think this committee is engaged in legitimate government business," said Church.

Kissinger's comments came after he spent nearly two hours in closed session before the committee.

"There was no plot to assasinate any foreign official or leader," he told reporters afterwards.

He said the United States bears no responsibility for the 1970 death of Gen. Rene Schneider, the commander of the Chilean army, or the death of Chilean President Salvador Allende in 1973.

Kissinger said the Senate panel is looking into both matters and will reach its own conclusions in its report on assassinations expected next month.

Goldwater's statement prompted Church to disagree sharply over whether the committee is split on how to assign responsibility for assassination plots during the administration of President John F. Kennedy.